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PROCESSING TEST SAMPLES)

Group: 1743

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

**Mailstop Amendment
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure provided by 35 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-98, the applicants wish to make the following references and information of record in the above-identified application. The references are also listed in the PTO-1449 form enclosed herewith. It is requested that the references and information be given careful consideration and that they be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that they will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present. Pursuant to the office's waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patent documents are not enclosed.

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In the judgment of the undersigned, portions of the references may be material to the examination of the pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation. No representation is intended as to the relative importance of any portion of the references. This Statement is not a representation that the cited references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 USC sections 102 or 103.

CITED REFERENCES

U.S. Patent Documents:

1. Design Patent No. D 377455, Burchard et al., issued January 21, 1997.
2. Patent No. 6,156,565, Maes et al., issued December 5, 2000.

Respectfully Submitted,

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